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The amendment filed on 11/09/07 draws all claims drawn to a non-elected invention, which deems the amendment non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). Applicant elected, 11/22/2004, Species I, drawn to the method shown in applicant's figure 2. The current claims are not consistent with figure 2. The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because of the reasoning above. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Cuff whose telephone number is (571) 272-6778. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6791. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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